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SUBJECT: SYRIAN CLANDESTINE NUCLEAR PROGRAM -- REVIEWING
POINTS WITH GOI

REF: STATE 43817

Classified By: Pol/C Joseph Legend Novak, reasons 1.4(b+d).

11. (C) SUMMARY: Mission reviewed reftel points regarding Syria's clandestine nuclear facilities with the Department of Foreign Affairs. GOI contact basically took our points on board, but expressed concerns about Israeli actions. END SUMMARY.

12. (C) On April 29, Poloff reviewed reftel points regarding Syria's clandestine nuclear facilities with Andy Rachmianto, Deputy Director for International Security and Disarmament at the Department of Foreign Affairs. Providing a copy of U.S. points as a nonpaper, poloff said U.S. intelligence corroborated Israeli conclusions that the reactor was designed for military purposes and had been kept wholly outside the scope of Syria's cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

13. (C) Rachmianto said an airstrike against a foreign country's facilities was a "very dangerous act." Poloff noted that Israel had acted in its own defense against what it considered a potential threat to its security. Rachmianto noted that the USG had protested the Israeli attack against the Iraqi reactor at Osirak in 1981 but had issued no such protest in this case, implying support for the attack. Poloff said U.S. intelligence agreed with Israeli conclusions about the nature of the facility, but the attack on the facility was Israel's sovereign decision.

14. (C) Turning to the NPT, Rachmianto said North Korea's withdrawal from the treaty gave it the same status as Israel as nonparties. In this situation, there was nothing the NPT could do. It was therefore important to continue the Six-Party Talks to try to induce North Korea to return to the NPT.

15. (C) Regarding the reference to the need to prevent nuclear weapons from falling into the hands of dangerous regimes, Rachmianto said the government of Indonesia regarded

all nuclear weapons as dangerous and therefore continued to emphasize the importance of disarmament by all parties.

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